



CBS Recommended Bibliography

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Preface

Often as a professor at a theological institution students or those in the ministry ask a question similar to the following: “What is a good commentary on Hebrews?” Or “What Bible encyclopedia should I use?” Or “Is there a good commentary set I should buy?” The purpose of this document is to answer just that type of question. In other words, what are some biblical, theological and practical ministry types of resources that the faculty of Capital Bible Seminary could recommend to enhance the ministry of its students, alumni, and other interested people.

The following work limits the number of recommendations for simplification as well as trying to cull down all the options to what the best recommendation might be. In doing this the faculty recognizes that there are many resources available that are well done and valuable but since most people will limit their book purchases and/or reading due to financial and time constraints it is important to make a choice among what is available. It is hoped that this bibliography will help make that choice using the combined wisdom and experience of the CBS faculty as an aid.

It is also important (and perhaps obvious) to point out that a recommendation for a particular resource does not mean that the CBS faculty is in agreement necessarily with all the information and views presented in that resources. Any resource has to be read thoughtfully and critically so that the information presented can be evaluated. Limited annotations are often given to help aid in the evaluation of the source. In no case should this list be interpreted as an agreement by any faculty member of all the information presented in a book. Different faculty also may have different views on resource recommendations. I have generally deferred to the Department chairmen for their particular area of expertise for final decisions. A special thanks goes to Sarah Madden who greatly aided in filling in bibliographic gaps and editing this product.

In tackling a project of this nature one is reminded of Solomon’s piece of wisdom, “The words of wise men are like goads and masters of these collections are like well driven nails. . . But beyond this, my son, be warned: the writing of many books is endless, and excessive devotion to books is wearying to the body (Ecc 12:11-12). May the Lord bless the results of this work.

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I. Old Testament

A. OT Introductions

1. Archer, G. *A Survey of Old Testament Introduction*. Chicago: Moody Publishers, 1996. Good, conservative treatment of the OT. Accepts day-age theory, however.
2. Dillard, R. and T. Longman, III. *An Introduction to the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994. This 1994 text deals only with special introduction. It treats literary genre more fully than other introductions and has a good bibliography. The stance on key issues is “broadly evangelical” (i.e., not as conservative as one might like).
3. Harrison, R. K. *Introduction to the Old Testament*. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson Publishers, 2004. Large tome, thoroughly researched and generally conservative. But be careful!

B. OT Texts and Textual Criticism

1. *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia* (BHS). Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson Publishers, 2006. Replaces Kittel’s third ed. and is far more conservative regarding emendation than its predecessor. It is based upon Codex Leningrad (1009 A.D.).
2. Brotzman, E. *Old Testament Textual Criticism: A Practical Introduction*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1994. Good introductory text to OT textual criticism.
3. Würthwein, E. *The Text of the Old Testament* (2nd ed.). Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1994. An excellent intro to BHS with good plates of the various MSS and versions.

C. Hebrew and Aramaic Grammars

1. Arnold B. and J. Choi. *A Guide to Biblical Hebrew Syntax*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003. An excellent concise intermediate guide to Hebrew syntax.
2. F. H. W. Gesenius, *Gesenius’ Hebrew Grammar*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (USA), 1993. The best advanced Hebrew grammar in English.
3. Johns, A. *A Short Grammar of Biblical Aramaic*. Berrien Springs, Michigan: Andrews University Press, 1972. An excellent short grammar of biblical Aramaic for those who already know Hebrew.
4. Ross, A. *Introducing Biblical Hebrew*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2001. Dr. Beall’s favorite new grammar. Complete and well laid out.
5. Waltke, B. and M. O’Connor, *An Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Syntax*. Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns, 1993. A modern intermediate grammar, excellent in many respects, but not as thorough as Gesenius.

D. Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicons

1. Brown, F. S. R. Driver, and C. A. Briggs, *A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament* (BDB). Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1959. Overall, a good economical lexicon available in English. Somewhat outdated, sometimes subjective in its etymologies, and arranged according to stems (a drawback for beginning students of Hebrew, but rectified by Einspahr and other tools). Still, a wealth of valuable information for each word.
2. Koehler, L and W. Baumgartner, *Lexicon in Veteris Testamenti Libros*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2001. The most up-to-date lexicon in English. Can get it electronically or in hard copy. The two-volume set replaced the five and is now at a lower cost. It incorporates the more recent lexicographic findings from the Dead Sea Scrolls, etc. Arranged in more simple alphabetic order of the words (not according to stems [BDB]). Dr. Beall feels it lacks some of the thoroughness of BDB.

E. Hebrew Concordances

1. Wigram, G. V. *The Englishman's Hebrew and Chaldee Concordance*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1980. Entries are given in the English text. Helpful for those whose Hebrew is weak, or for a quick survey of the usage of a word.
2. Computer tools have largely replaced hard copy OT concordances.

F. Hebrew Tools

1. Armstrong, T. A., D. L. Busby, and C. F. Carr, *A Reader's Hebrew-English Lexicon of the Old Testament* (ABC). Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1989. Now available in a one-volume edition. Similar to Sakae Kubo for the New Testament, ABC lists the words occurring 50 or less times in the OT verse by verse. Highly recommended.
2. Beall, T., W. Banks, and C. Smith. *Old Testament Parsing Guide* (1 vol.). Nashville: Broadman Holman Publishers Group, 2000. This work provides verse-by-verse parsing for every verb in the OT. It includes a page reference to BDB and KB for each verb, as well as a brief meaning.

G. OT Word Studies

1. Harris, R. L., G. L. Archer, and B. K. Waltke, eds. *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*. Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2003. A very helpful two-volume OT tool, similar to *Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament* (TDOT) but less comprehensive and more conservative in approach.
2. Unger, M. F., and W. White. *Nelson's Expository Dictionary of the OT*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1980. A helpful OT wordbook similar to Vine's in that the entries are arranged in English order—valuable for those whose Hebrew is weak.

3. VanGemeren, W. A., ed. *The New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis*. 5 vols. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1997. A comprehensive new work containing lexical articles, topical articles, introductory articles, and many helpful indices. Unfortunately, other than the main entry, transliteration of Hebrew is used throughout the work. Also available on CD-ROM.

H. OT Versions: Septuagint

1. Rahlfs, A. *Septuaginta* (8th ed; 1965). New York: American Bible Society, 1979. A reconstructed Septuagint (LXX) based on A, B, and S. MS evidence is very insufficient, but as a handy version of the LXX (which it was intended to be); Rahlfs is unsurpassed.
2. Hatch, E. and H. A. Redpath. *A Concordance to the Septuagint and the Other Greek Versions of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 1998. This work is essential for both OT and NT study and is an anthology of every Greek word that appears in the Septuagint with a list of the passages in which it occurs. The Hebrew equivalents of the Greek word are numbered and referenced for each entry.
3. Jobes, K. and M. Silva. *Invitation to the Septuagint*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2000. An excellent introduction to the LXX which is current, thorough, and readable. Highly recommended.
4. Lust, J., E. Eynikel, and K. Hauspie. *A Greek English Lexicon of the Septuagint*. New York: American Bible Society, 1992. Best lexicon available on LXX Greek.

I. OT Commentaries (Multi-volume)

1. Keil, C. F., and F. Delitzsch. *Biblical Commentary on the Old Testament* (25 vols. reissued in 10 vols.). Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers, 2006. An old standard, even though dated in many respects. Not always easy to understand, and a knowledge of Hebrew is helpful in utilizing KD to the fullest.
2. Clendenen, E. Ray ed. *The New American Commentary* (NAC). Nashville: B&H Publishing Group. Published by Broadman, this series is only partially complete. The works finished thus far seem quite helpful.
3. Harrison, R. K. and R. L. Hubbard eds. *The New International Commentary on the Old Testament* (NICOT). Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Co.. This series, not yet complete, is up-to-date, fairly conservative, and exegetically oriented. Given the paucity of OT commentaries, it is very valuable.
4. Wiseman, D. J. ed. *Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries* (TOTC). Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press. This set is finally complete.

It is similar to NICOT, but most of its volumes are somewhat less technically oriented. A very worthwhile series.

J. OT Historical Background

See General Biblical Studies section of Bibliography

K. OT Archaeology

See General Biblical Studies section of Bibliography

L. OT Theology

See Theology section of Bibliography

M. Judaica and Dead Sea Scrolls

1. deSilva, David A. *Introducing the Apocrypha*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2004. Excellent examination of the Apocrypha.
2. VanderKam, J. *The Dead Sea Scrolls Today*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1994. Excellent recent introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls.
3. Wise, M., M. Abegg, and E. Cook. *The Dead Sea Scrolls: A New Translation*. New York: Harper, 1996. The most complete translation of the Dead Sea Scrolls, including the recently published texts. Introduction and notes are rather sparse.
4. Abegg, M. *The Dead Sea Scrolls Bible*. New York: HarperSan Francisco, 1992. English translation of Old Testament with DSS readings included in the text. Very helpful.

N. Creation and Evolution

1. Behe, Michael. *Darwin's Black Box*. New York: Free Press, 1996. Behe, professor of biochemistry at Lehigh, argues persuasively that life screams out "design" and requires a designer. He argues primarily from the complexity and interdependency of the "parts" of the biochemical world that render evolution's gradualism highly improbable. Behe is not a creationist, and his book has created quite a stir.
2. Denton, Michael. *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis*. Bethesda, Md.: Adler & Adler, 1986. Denton is an Australian molecular biologist who analyzes the evidence for evolution from various fields, including molecular biology. One of the best books to give to skeptics.
3. Johnson, Philip E. *Darwin on Trial*. Washington, D.C.: Regnery Gateway, 1991; Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1993). Johnson, a law professor at the University of California at Berkeley, discusses the logic and evidence for evolution. This is an excellent work.

O. OT Sectional and Individual Commentaries

1. Genesis

a. Davis, J. J. *Paradise to Prison*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1975. An excellent mid-range conservative commentary on Genesis with helpful archaeological insights.

b. Ross, A. P. *Creation and Blessing*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1988. An intriguing book which is a bit too dependent upon critical sources, and yet very creative in its analysis of the book of Genesis. While not a commentary *per se*, it provides a very thorough analysis of the message and literary structure of each section of Genesis. The bibliography section is also thorough, but slanted toward more liberal scholars.

2. Exodus

Davis, J. J. *Moses and the Gods of Egypt*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1972. An excellent evangelical work with good archaeological background data.

3. Leviticus

a. Ross, Allen. *Holiness to the Lord: A Guide to the Exposition of the Book of Leviticus*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002. Not a verse-by-verse commentary, but an excellent treatment of the major themes of each chapter of Leviticus. Highly recommended.

b. Wenham, G. *The Book of Leviticus*. NICOT. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1979. A moderately conservative work with much helpful treatment of the text.

4. Numbers

Harrison, R. *Numbers*. Wycliffe Exegetical Commentary. Chicago: Moody, 1990. A good evangelical commentary with attention to the original text. However, it is somewhat spotty in its treatment.

5. Deuteronomy

Craigie, P. *The Book of Deuteronomy*. NICOT. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1976. An excellent largely conservative commentary with many helpful exegetical insights.

5. Joshua

a. Davis, D. R. *No Falling Words*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1988. Very good, lively expositional treatment of the book. Provides a good example of how to preach through an OT narrative book.

b. Woudstra, M. H. *The Book of Joshua*. NICOT. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1981. A good, solid commentary containing good interaction with critical scholarship and a readable, helpful analysis.

6. Judges

Block, D. *Judges, Ruth*. NAC. Nashville: Broadman, 1999. 765-page commentary on these two books (massive!). Overall, an excellent work.

7. Ruth

a. Block, D. See under *Judges*.

b. Hubbard, R., Jr. *The Book of Ruth*. NICOT. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988. Excellent commentary with good introduction and some novel interpretations.

8. Historical Books - General

a. Chisholm, Jr., Robert B. *Interpreting the Historical Books: An Exegetical Handbook*. Grand Rapids: Kregel Academic & Professional, 2006. A helpful, brief guide to the interpretation of historical narrative, with attention to Joshua through Esther.

b. Davis, J. and J. Whitcomb. *Israel: From Conquest to Exile*. Winona Lake, Ind.: BMH Books, 1994. Excellent, readable conservative commentary on Joshua through 2 Kings.

c. Kaiser, W. *A History of Israel*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1998. Recent history of Israel that does an excellent job in surveying and refuting the critical claims concerning Israel, while providing a good summary of Israel's history. Up to date in matters of archaeology and current scholarship.

9. 1-2 Samuel

a. Baldwin, J. *1 & 2 Samuel*. TOTC. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1978. An excellent treatment of these books with a very good introduction.

b. Wood, L. *Israel's United Monarchy*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1980.

Excellent treatment of Israel's first three kings.

10. 1-2 Kings

Wiseman, D. J. *1 & 2 Kings*. TOTC. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1993. An excellent, fairly recent (1993) commentary on these books containing much interaction with critical scholarship and a thorough introduction. Often provides more detailed commentary on Kings than Patterson and Austel.

11. 1-2 Chronicles

Selman, M. *1 Chronicles; 2 Chronicles*. TOTC. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1994. This two-volume set provides an extensive introduction and surprisingly full commentary on these books.

12. Ezra and Nehemiah

a. Breneman, Mervin. *Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther*. NAC. Nashville: Broadman, 1993. An excellent commentary on these three post-exilic books.

b. Fensham, F. *The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah*. NICOT. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1983. A solid commentary with an extensive introduction. Interacts with modern critical views extensively, perhaps to the detriment of the interpretation of the text.

13. Esther

a. Baldwin, J. *Esther*. TOTC. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1978. A good, full introduction to the book is followed by a rather brief, but helpful, commentary.

b. Breneman. See above under Ezra and Nehemiah.

14. Job

a. Andersen, Francis I. *Job*. TOTC. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1976. A superb mid-length commentary on the book of Job, thoroughly conservative. Deals occasionally with the Hebrew text. Gives numerous helpful details on the text, and provides an excellent overall synthesis of the meaning of the book.

b. Hartley, John E. *The Book of Job*. NICOT. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988). A very thorough, modern evangelical commentary on the book. Eminently readable, with numerous notes treating the various difficulties in the Hebrew text. Best in dealing with modern scholarship

on the book of Job, though perhaps the author leans too much in their direction. Still, overall it is an excellent and detailed commentary.

15. Psalms

a. Kidner, D. *Psalms 1-72; Psalms 73-150* (2 vols.). TOTC. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1973, 1975. An excellent work on the Psalms, with a very good introduction and helpful notes on each psalm. Deals occasionally with the Hebrew text.

b. Murphy, J. *A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Book of Psalms*. James Family, 1977 [orig. pub. 1876]. A very good mid-length commentary on the Psalms, with a good introduction and helpful notes on the Hebrew text. Perhaps even superior to Alexander. As is true with many commentaries on Psalms, the comments seem to get shorter with Psalms 100-150!

c. Wilson, Gerald. *Psalms*. (Vol. 1). The NIV Application Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002. Treats Psalms 1-72. Beginning with an excellent introduction to the Psalms and Hebrew poetry, the author then discusses each psalm. There are many practical applications given, and the interpretation is helpful (though perhaps leaning too much in the direction of modern scholarship). Recommended with reservations.

16. Proverbs

a. Koptak, Paul. *Proverbs*. NIV Application Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003. An excellent one-volume commentary on Proverbs, supplementing Waltke nicely (and briefer!). Highly recommended.

b. Voorwinde, S. *Wisdom for Today's Issues: A Topical Arrangement of Proverbs*. Phillipsburg, N.J.: P&R Publishing, 1997. This work lists every verse of Proverbs in topical form ("adultery," "alcohol," "the fool," "the home," etc.). Uses NASB. Highly recommended for the topical study of this book.

c. Waltke, B. *The Book of Proverbs: Chapters 1-15 and The Book of Proverbs: Chapters 15-31*. NICOT. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004, 2005. A superb two-volume commentary that combines careful attention to the Hebrew, excellent structural analysis, and insightful comments and application. This set is a treasure!

17. Ecclesiastes

Longman, T. *The Book of Ecclesiastes*. NICOT. Grand Rapids:

Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1998. Longman denies Solomonic authorship, but there is much helpful analysis in this volume, with good attention to the Hebrew text.

18. Song of Solomon

Hess, Richard S. *Song of Songs*. Baker Commentary on the OT Wisdom and Psalms. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2005. I have not reviewed in detail yet (Dr. Beall).

19. All Prophets

Chisholm, Robert. *Handbook on the Prophets*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002. An excellent outline of each prophetic book. Excellent, up to date bibliographies. Problematic treatment of many messianic passages.

20. Isaiah

a. Motyer, J. A. *The Prophecy of Isaiah*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1993 and 1999. A new (1993) conservative commentary on Isaiah that contains much helpful material, and treats numerous Hebrew words in the text. Major weakness: no index! Recommended, but he overemphasizes structural issues. The 1999 TOTC commentary is to some degree a condensation of this work and also worth consulting.

b. Oswalt, J. *The Book of Isaiah: Chapters 1-39*. NICOT. and Oswalt, J. *The Book of Isaiah: Chapters 40-66*. NICOT. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1986. An excellent full-length modern commentary on Isaiah. First-rate in many respects. Weakly premillennial.

c. Young, E. J. *The Book of Isaiah* (3 vols.). Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1992. Superb amillennial commentary on the book. Careful, detailed study of the Hebrew text. For introductory matters, see his *Who Wrote Isaiah?* This set has recently been reprinted.

21. Jeremiah

Thompson, J. A. *The Book of Jeremiah*. NICOT. Most thorough modern treatment of the book. Splendid introduction, and good exegetical notes. Conservative, but gives too much ground to liberal source analysis. No help on some key passages (e.g., Jer 31:31-34).

22. Ezekiel

- a. Block, D. I. *Ezekiel 1-24 and Ezekiel 25-48*. NICOT. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1997 and 1998. Recent, detailed two-volume work. Much good information here, but overly concerned with sources and minute structural analysis.
- b. Cooper, L. E. *Ezekiel*. NAC. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1994. A good, recent medium-length commentary on the book. Not nearly as exhaustive—or exhausting—as Block.
- c. Feinberg, C. L. *The Prophecy of Ezekiel: The Glory of the Lord*. Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2003. Excellent popular premillennial treatment of the book, with applications at the end of each chapter. Not much help with the Hebrew text, however.

23. Daniel

- a. Baldwin, J. G. *Daniel*. TOTC. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1978. Brief but good.
- b. Wood, L. *A Commentary on Daniel*. Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock Publishers, 1998. Excellent premillennial commentary on Daniel.

24. Minor Prophets

- a. Boice, J. *The Minor Prophets: An Expositional Commentary*. 2 vols. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1983, 1986. A helpful, popular treatment of the Minor Prophets, rich in application.
- b. Chisholm, R. *Interpreting the Minor Prophets*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1990. A good up-to-date discussion of the structure and message of each minor prophet. Supplements Feinberg nicely.
- c. Feinberg, C. *The Minor Prophets*. Chicago: Moody, 1976. An excellent mid-level, conservative exposition of these books.
- d. Finley, T. *Joel, Amos, Obadiah*. Wycliffe Exegetical Commentary. Chicago: Moody, 1990. A good, modern treatment of these three books, especially good in the treatment of various Hebrew words and phrases.
- e. McComiskey, Thomas, ed., *The Minor Prophets: An Exegetical and Expository Commentary. Volume 1: Hosea, Joel, Amos*. Grand

Rapids: Baker, 1992. *Volume 2: Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, and Habakkuk*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1993. *Volume 3: Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998. Three extremely helpful commentaries treating the Hebrew text in detail, as well as providing solid exegetical commentaries on each book. Recommended (but expensive!).

f. Merrill, Eugene. *Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi*. Wycliffe Exegetical Commentary. Chicago: Moody, 1994. An excellent modern conservative commentary that treats the Hebrew text in detail.

g. Patterson, Richard. *Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah*. Wycliffe Exegetical Commentary. Chicago: Moody, 1991. A modern evangelical commentary on these three books with good attention to the Hebrew text.

II. New Testament

A. NT Introductions

1. Carson, D. A., D. J. Moo, and L. Morris. *An Introduction to the New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1992. An excellent work from an evangelical perspective. Highly recommended and my choice if I had to buy only one for future ministry (Dr. Davis). Besides special introductions for each book the work has articles on critical background issues such as the Synoptic Problem and New Testament Canon.
2. Guthrie, D. *New Testament Introduction*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1990. An oversized volume which covers the field well from an evangelical viewpoint, though perhaps discussing the liberal viewpoint a bit too thoroughly for most evangelical users in the ministry.
3. Hiebert, D. E. *An Introduction to the New Testament*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1977. A good three-volume introduction to the NT, with helpful (detailed) outlines of each book.

B. NT Texts and Textual Criticism

1. Aland, K. and B. *The Text of the New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1989. The first part of this work provides an excellent introduction to the editions, manuscripts, and early versions of the NT, together with many illustrative plates. The second portion provides an introduction to the two primary modern editions of the Greek NT (Nestle-Aland and the UBS text), a brief discussion of resources for study, and an introduction to the praxis of NT text criticism.
2. Metzger, B. *Manuscripts of the Greek Bible: An Introduction to Palaeography*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1991. Excellent introduction to NT manuscripts and palaeography with large prints of various manuscripts.
3. Hodges, Z. and A. Farstad, eds. *The Greek New Testament According to the Majority Text*. 2nd ed. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1985. A recent edition of the Greek NT which promotes the majority text, and provides a limited critical apparatus. It includes differences between the *Textus Receptus* and the Majority Text.
4. Nestle, E. and K. Aland. *Novum Testamentum Graece*. 27th ed. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1993. The standard critical text with an excellent critical apparatus and appendices.
5. Robinson, M. A. and W. G. Pierpont. *The New Testament in the Original Greek according to the Byzantine/Majority Textform*. Southborough, Mass.: Chilton Book Publishing, 2005. A NT text based on the Majority text recently. The appendix to the book is a well-written defense of the Byzantine text and worth reading; it is probably the most

up to date and comprehensive defense of the Byzantine text available in print.

6. Sturz, H. A. *The Byzantine Text-Type and New Testament Textual Criticism*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1984. Excellent summary of the problems with Westcott and Hort's reasoning in light of newer papyri finds. Demonstrates that Byzantine readings once thought to be late are in reality early. Sturz has a refreshingly more balanced approach to the Byzantine text and views it as an independent and valuable second century testimony to the NT text.

C. Intermediate and Advanced Greek Grammars

1. Blass, F. and A. Debrunner. *A Greek Grammar of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1961. One of the most authoritative NT Greek grammars. Assumes some level of knowledge of classical Greek but still is useful for the Koine only student.
2. Wallace, D. B. *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996. Best intermediate grammar on syntax out there with some exegetical discussion that hinges on syntactical options. Format is easy to follow. Need to treat some of the exegesis as a secondary source on the level of a commentary. There is also an abridged version that is also good for a first look at syntactical categories and examples, *The Basics of New Testament Syntax* also by Zondervan.

D. Greek Lexicons

1. Bauer, W., F. W. Danker, W. Arndt, and F. W. Gingrich. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* (BDAG). 3rd English ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000. The new standard in NT Greek lexicography. This is the one to get.
2. Liddell, H. G. and R. Scott. *A Greek-English Lexicon*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1990. The standard basic Greek lexicon for classical, LXX, and NT Greek. Especially good for classical Greek. Need to date sources to see what period of Greek one is in. Because of the extensive abbreviations work is hard to use for first time users.
3. Moulton, J. H. and G. Milligan. *The Vocabulary of the Greek Testament Illustrated from the Papyri and Other Non-Literary Sources*. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson, 1977. Invaluable lexicon for treatment of NT words which occur in non-literary papyri. The revised edition has a helpful Scripture index.

E. NT Greek Concordances

1. Moulton, W. F. and A. S. Geden. *A Concordance to the Greek Testament according to the Texts of Westcott and Hort, Tischendorf and the English Revisers*. Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 1978. A NT concordance based on Westcott and Hort. Cites the OT passage when the word is part

of an OT quotation. But does not deal with with the most common words such as *de* and *kai*.

2. Computer tools have largely replaced the need for hard copy NT concordances.

F. Other Greek Tools

1. Kubo, S. *A Reader's Greek Lexicon of the New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1975. Lists each word which occurs 50 times or fewer in the NT by chapter. Good for rapid reading of the NT.
2. Metzger, B. M. *Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek*. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2004. A helpful vocabulary list down to a frequency of 10 words or more plus a listing of Greek roots and the corresponding NT words. Great for reviewing NT vocabulary.

G. NT Word Studies

1. Brown, C. ed., *The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology*. 3 vols. plus Index. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1986. An excellent work, similar to Kittel, but more concise and somewhat more conservative than Kittel and thus preferred. Treats the major NT terms.
2. Kittel, G. *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament (TDNT)*. 10 vols. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1964–1976. This work provides a wealth of information on the most important NT words. There is much helpful background data here, though it should be checked out by using primary sources. A liberal bias mars the effectiveness of the work. A one-volume abridgement is also available.

H. NT Historical Background

See General Biblical Studies section of Bibliography

I. NT Archaeology

See General Biblical Studies section of Bibliography

J. NT Theology

See Theology section of Bibliography

K. NT Commentaries (Multi-volume)

1. Silva, M., ed. *Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Baker. An excellent new series done by evangelicals that is usually worth looking at. Several volumes are out. Format is easy to use and includes a translation, overview of argument, verse by verse exegesis and technical notes. There is an in depth treatment of passages and issues including treatment of the Greek. It is one of my favorite NT series (Dr. Davis).

2. Stonehouse, N., F. Bruce, and G. Fee, eds. *New International Commentary on the New Testament* (NICNT). Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. These volumes, written from an evangelical point of view, are often excellent, though the quality varies from book to book. It treats the Greek text fairly extensively.
3. Morris, L. ed. *Tyndale New Testament Commentaries* (TNTC). Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. This set is an intermediate level commentary in length and often very good. The perspective is conservative.

L. Gospels

1. Pentecost, Dwight. *The Words and Works of Jesus Christ*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1981. Excellent expositional overview of the teaching of the gospels arranged chronologically in harmony fashion rather than by biblical book.
2. Hoehner, Harold. *Chronological Aspects of the Life of Christ*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1977. Helpful book for dating elements of Christ's life including his birth and death.

M. Pauline Studies

Bruce, F. F. *Apostle of the Heart Set Free*. Reprint. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998. Somewhat dated but gives good background on the apostle to the Gentiles.

N. NT Individual Commentaries

1. Matthew
 - a. Carson, D.A. "Matthew" in *The Expositors Commentary*. Ed. F. Gaebelin. 12 vols. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1978. Good expositional commentary though many at CBS would differ on some interpretations especially regarding dispensational issues.
 - b. Keener, Craig. *A Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1999. This commentary is not dispensational but provides a lot of in depth historical background that is helpful for the study of Matthew. Extensive commentary worth getting for the serious student of Matthew.
 - c. Toussaint, Stanley, D. *Behold the King: A Study of Matthew*. Portland, Ore.: Multnomah Press, 1980. This is a medium length commentary from a dispensational perspective. Some of the comments are brief in nature and one wishes more extensive discussion was given.

2. Mark

Wessel, W. "Mark" in *The Expositors Commentary*. Ed. F. Gaebelin. 12 vols. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1978. Good expositional commentary. However, he believes that the ending of Mark (16:9-20) is inauthentic and that the original ending was lost in early transmission of the text, which raises some canonical issues.

3. Luke

a. Bock, Darrell. L. *Luke 1:1-9:50*. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1994.

b. Bock, Darrell. L. *Luke 9:51-24:53*. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1996. Both volumes of this commentary represent one of the most extensive treatments on Luke available by an evangelical. The commentary is in an easy format to follow and provides discussion on most issues that one would want to consider.

c. Green, Joel. *Luke*. New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1997. One volume treatment less extensive than Bock but still recommended.

4. John

a. Carson, D. A. *The Gospel according to John*. The Pillar New Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1991. This book had an extensive introduction dealing with recent discussion in Johannine studies and readable expositional commentary.

b. Kostenburger, Andreas. L. *John*. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2004.

c. Morris, Leon. *The Gospel according to John*. New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1971. Fairly easy to read as Morris keeps technical issues of discussion in the footnotes.

5. Acts

Bruce, F. F. *Acts*. New International Commentary on the New Testament. Reprint. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988. An oldie but still a goodie.

6. Romans
 - a. Moo, Douglas. *Romans*. New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1996. Good exegetical arguments throughout.
 - b. Schreiner, Thomas. *Romans*. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998. Treats book from somewhat a more reformed perspective.
7. 1 Corinthians
 - a. Garland, David. *1 Corinthians*. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2003. Garland brings a lot of good historical background into the discussion.
 - b. Robertson, A. and A. Plummer. *1 Corinthians*. International Critical Commentary. Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1986. Good commentary on the Greek text. Authors do not necessarily hold to inerrancy.
8. 2 Corinthians

Hughes, Philip H. *The Second Epistle to the Corinthians*. New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1962.
9. Galatians
 - a. Bruce, F. F. *The Epistle to the Galatians*. The New International Greek Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1982.
 - b. Burton, Ernest De Witt. *A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on The Epistle to the Galatians*. The International Critical Commentary. Reprint, Edinburgh: T&T Clark Ltd., 1988. This commentary is somewhat dated but still has good discussions of the Greek text.
 - c. Longnecker, Richard N. *Galatians*. The Word Biblical Commentary. Dallas, Texas: Word Books, Publisher, 1990.
10. Ephesians
 - a. Bruce, F. F. *The Epistles to the Colossians, to Philemon, and to the Ephesians*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1984.

b. Hoehner, Harold W. *Ephesians - An Exegetical Commentary*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002. This is probably the most extensive commentary available. Excellent. Written by the former chairman of the New Testament Department of Dallas Theological Seminary.

11. Philippians

Fee, G. *Paul's Letter to the Philippians*. New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995. A thorough treatment of a short book.

12. Colossians

Bruce, F. F. *The Epistles to the Colossians, to Philemon, and to the Ephesians*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1984.

13. 1 and 2 Thessalonians

a. Bruce, F. F. *The First and Second Epistles to the Thessalonians*. Word Biblical Commentary. Dallas: Word Books Publisher, 1982.

b. Morris, Leon. *The First and Second Epistles to the Thessalonians*. New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1959.

c. Wanamaker, Charles A. *The Epistles to the Thessalonians*. The New International Greek Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990.

14. Pastoral Epistles

Kent, Homer A. Jr. *The Pastoral Epistles*. Winona Lake, Indiana: BMH Books, 1986.

15. Philemon

a. Bruce, F. F. *The Epistles to the Colossians, to Philemon, and to the Ephesians*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1984.

b. Rupperecht, A.A. "Philemon" in *The Expositors Commentary*. Ed. F. Gaebelein. 12 vols. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1978.

16. Hebrews
- a. Bruce, F. F. *The Epistle to the Hebrews*. New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990. Excellent scholarship.
 - b. Hughes, Philip H. *A Commentary on the Epistle to the Hebrews*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1977. A good commentary more from the reformed perspective.
 - c. Pentecost, J. Dwight. *A Faith that Endures*. Grand Rapids: Discovery House Publishers, 1992. An excellent overview of the argument of the book. Sees the warning passages as applying to Jewish Christians who may fall back into Judiasm.
17. James
- a. Adamson, James. *The Epistle of James*. The International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1976. Good exposition at an intermediate level.
 - b. Hodges, Zane. *The Epistle of James – Proven Character Through Testing*. The Grace New Testament Commentary. Irving, Texas: Grace Evangelical Theological Society, 1994. Short treatment with a focus on interpretation from a “grace” perspective. Reflects on the Greek text throughout. Well worth the buy to get an alternative view on the extent of the objector’s argument in James 2 which most people overlook because of where most Bible translations end the quotation.
18. 1 and 2 Peter and Jude
- a. Davids, Peter H. *The First Epistle of Peter*. The International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990.
 - b. Green, Michael. *The Second Epistle of Peter and the Epistle of Jude*. Tyndale New Testament Commentaries. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1980.
19. 1-3 John
- a. Kruse, Colin G. *The Letters of John*. The Pillar New Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000.

b. Hodges, Zane. *The Epistles of John – Walking in the Light of God’s Love*. The Grace New Testament Commentary. Irving, Texas: Grace Evangelical Theological Society, 1999. Thorough discussion of the Johannine Epistles. Hodges sees the essential aim of the book to promote true fellowship in view of the false teachers and their Christological errors.

20. Revelation

a. Thomas, R. L. *Revelation 1-7 An Exegetical Commentary*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1992.

b. Thomas, R. L. *Revelation 8-22 An Exegetical Commentary*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1995. Both volumes by Thomas provide a wealth in information from an exegetical and dispensational perspective. Even when one does not agree with a position, Thomas treats alternative viewpoints and gives the reader an opportunity to evaluate the arguments.

c. Walvoord, J. *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1966. Intermediate treatment from a classical dispensationalist. The standard at dispensational seminaries for many years.

III. General Biblical Studies

A. Bible Archaeology

1. Finegan, J. *The Archaeology of the New Testament*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1969. Now available in paperback, this well-done volume surveys the sites connected with the NT, beginning with John the Baptist and concluding with the early Christian community in Palestine.
2. Finegan, J. *Light from the Ancient Past*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1959. Though now slightly outdated, this work provides an excellent introduction to Biblical history and archaeology, beginning with Mesopotamia and Egypt and concluding with the spread of Christianity in the Roman Empire. Now available in paper (2 vols.).
3. Hoerth, A. J. *Archaeology and the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 1998. Excellent survey of OT archaeology that is correlated in sequence with the Old Testament. So one learns about OT history and archaeology at the same time.
4. Pritchard, J. B. ed. *The Ancient Near East in Pictures Relating to the Old Testament (ANEP)* and *Ancient Near Eastern Texts Relating to the Old Testament (ANET)*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1969. These large volumes are indispensable for the study of Ancient Near Eastern texts. Also available in a two-volume pocket (abridged) edition.
5. Kitchen, K. A. *On the Reliability of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003.

B. Bible Atlases

1. Beitzel, B. *The Moody Atlas of Bible Lands*. Chicago: Moody Publishers, 1985. This is an excellent evangelical work, with a large section on the physical geography of Palestine, plus a good section on the historical geography of the Bible. The atlas contains beautiful full-color maps and excellent commentary relating these maps to the Bible (a Scripture index is even included in the back). Highly recommended.
2. Pfeiffer, C. F. *Baker's Bible Atlas*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1961 (rev. 1973). Not merely a Bible atlas, this work provides much help in elucidating the geography of the Bible.
3. Rasmussen, C. *Zondervan NIV Atlas of the Bible*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1989. The most recent Bible atlas, and an excellent one. Rivals the Moody atlas in every respect. Contains a geographical and an historical section. Maps are good, but not quite as good as the Moody atlas. However, the maps are supplemented by beautiful color photos (not in the Moody atlas). In addition, the work contains a Gazetteer, indicating every geographical location in the Bible, with biblical significance and reference mentioned.

C. Bible Commentaries (whole Bible)

1. Gabelein, F. ed. *The Expositor's Bible Commentary* 12 vols.; 1 vol. intro, 8 vols. OT, 4 vols. NT. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1982. A recently completed mid-range up-to-date conservative, pre-millennial series. Overall the quality is quite good. Does contain some notes dealing with the Hebrew text, but also good for the non-technical student. Vol. 1 contains some excellent articles on OT and NT introductory matters.
2. Walvoord, J. and R. Zuck, eds. *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*. Wheaton, Ill.: Victor Books, 1983, 1985. This two-volume set authored by Dallas Seminary faculty members is the best one- or two-volume whole Bible commentary available. It provides a premillennial summary exposition of the Scriptures in an eminently readable format. Brief treatment of major issues.

D. Bible Concordances, Dictionaries, Encyclopedias

1. Bromiley, G. ed., *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (ISBE)*. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson Publishers, 1994. This newly revised ISBE is the most comprehensive modern Bible encyclopedia available. It is conservative, but not as conservative as the old ISBE.
2. Green, J., S. McKnight and I. H. Marshall. *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1992.
3. Hawthorne, G., R. Martin and D. Reid. *Dictionary of Paul and His Letters*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1993.
4. Martin, R. and P. Davids. *Dictionary of the Later New Testament and Its Developments*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1997. Articles on NT development and early church history up to 150 A.D.
5. Strong, J. *Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson Publishers, 1988. Concordance to the KJV with coded entries referring to the different Greek and Hebrew words underlying the English translation.
6. Tenney, M. *Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible*. 5 vols.. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1975. This set is an excellent general encyclopedia of the Bible.

E. Historical Background

1. Barrett, C. K., ed. *The New Testament Background: Selected Documents*. London: SPCK, 1987; New York: HarperCollins, 1995. Provides an English translation of many ancient documents helpful in the understanding and illustration of NT backgrounds.
2. Evans, C. and S. Porter. *Dictionary of New Testament Background*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 2000.

3. Fergusson, E. *Backgrounds of Early Christianity*, 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003. Excellent treatment of NT era history and general backgrounds to the NT. Highly recommended.
4. Finegan, J. *Handbook of Biblical Chronology*. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson Publishers, 1998. A very helpful work which discusses chronological problems in the Bible. Not much on the OT, however (see Thiele's work, *The Mysterious Numbers of the Hebrew Kings*, for help in that area).
5. Merrill, E. *Kingdom of Priests: A History of Old Testament Israel*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 1997. Recent, thorough history of Israel by this fine conservative scholar. May supplant Wood.
6. Neusner, J. and W. S. Green. *Dictionary of Judaism in the Biblical Period*. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson Publishers, 1996. Good summary resource on early Judaism.
7. Wood, L. *A Survey of Israel's History*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1986. Excellent history of Israel, similar to Bright, but more conservative.

IV. Theology

A. General

1. Berkhof, Louis. *Systematic Theology*. New Combined edition. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1996. Standard conservative one-volume Reformed theology, especially helpful in definitions and historical background.
2. Calvin, John. *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. Ed. J. T. McNeill. 2 vols. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1960. One of the Reformation exemplars for subsequent Protestant systematic theologies. This edition has helpful indices and historical footnotes that other editions do not have.
3. Chafer, Lewis Sperry. *Chafer's Systematic Theology*. 4 vols. Grand Rapids: Kregel, Conservative, traditional Dispensational theology now in a 4-volume format; very wordy in spots with lengthy quotes; moderately Calvinistic in soteriology.
4. Geisler, Norman L. *Systematic Theology*. 4 vols. Minneapolis: Bethany House, 2002-2005. Conservative, traditional Dispensational, non-Calvinistic theology; well-organized.
5. Hodge, Charles. *Systematic Theology*. 3 vols. Reprint ed. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson, 1999. First published in 1871-1873, postmillennial Reformed theology by one of the leading Princetonian theologians.
6. Ryrie, Charles. *Basic Theology: A Popular Guide to Understanding Biblical Truth*. Chicago: Moody, 1999. Succinct, well-organized, readable one-volume conservative traditional Dispensational theology; 4-point Calvinistic in soteriology.
7. Erickson, Millard J. *Christian Theology*. Second edition. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998. Contemporary in style and sweeping in coverage of issues; Baptist, premillennial posttribulational, conservative theology.

B. Old Testament Theology

1. Kaiser, Walter C., Jr. *Toward an Old Testament Theology*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1991. Opposing modernist evasion of the biblical text as revelation, and atomistic methods of OT theology, this work builds OT theology inductively from the text around the canonically central theme of "promise" and shows how this center is developed in successive eras of OT revelation. Premillennial, recognizing future

restoration of the nation of Israel, but in an “already . . . not yet” NT construct.

2. Zuck, Roy B., Eugene Merrill, and Darrell Bock, eds. *A Biblical Theology of the Old Testament*. Chicago: Moody, 1991. Collection of essays, each one focusing on the theology of specific OT books. Dispensational premillennial in general theological orientation.

C. New Testament Theology

1. Guthrie, Donald. *New Testament Theology*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1981. Each chapter treats a different topic of systematic theology, tracing it through the NT. Well-documented.
2. Ladd, George Eldon. *A Theology of the New Testament*. Revised ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1993. Traces major theological themes according to major groupings of NT books. Reformed premillennial in general theological orientation
3. Morris, Leon. *New Testament Theology*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1991. Deals with the books according to the chronological order of their writing; accepts priority of Mark among the synoptics; treats the major themes presented in the respective books.
4. Zuck, Roy B. and Darrell Bock, eds. *A Biblical Theology of the New Testament*. Chicago: Moody, 1994. Collection of essays, each one focusing on the theology of specific NT books. Dispensational and Progressive Dispensational in general theological orientation. Recommended as first buy in this category.

D. Angelology

1. Barnhouse, Donald Grey. *The Invisible War*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1965. Though including an extended and imaginative scenario based on the “Gap Theory,” this is a helpful and engaging depiction of the war between God and Satan. Artful writing, engaging, premillennial, generally pretribulational, and Calvinistic, but irenic.
2. Dickason, C. Fred. *Angels Elect and Evil*. Revised ed. Chicago: Moody, 1996. Clear, succinct, organized setting forth of biblical angelology. Author holds the view that Christians can be demon possessed to some extent.

E. Anthropology

1. Boettner, Lorraine. *Immortality*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1956. Conservative Reformed biblical doctrine concerning death, immortality, and the intermediate state.
2. Habermas, Gary R. and J. P. Moreland. *Beyond Death: Exploring the Evidence for Immortality*. Wheaton: Crossway, 1998. Biblical apologetic for the Christian doctrine of immortality; includes treatment of near-death experiences, claims for reincarnation, and ethical guidance concerning abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia.
3. Hoekema, Anthony. *Created in God's Image*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1986. Conservative Reformed exposition of the doctrine of man in the image of God, and the doctrine of sin.
4. Sherlock, Charles. *The Doctrine of Humanity*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1996. Deals with humanity as a community (in creation, in social relations, and in culture) and then examines the human person as individual, as male and female, and as whole being; points out the biblical teaching on humanity as a unity; set against the backdrop of contemporary fragmentation into different categories of race, ethnicity, social status, sexual orientation, etc.

F. Apologetics

1. Carson, D.A. *The Gagging of God: Christianity Confronts Pluralism*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996. Masterful, academically informed, and polemically definite assertion of biblical absolutism and gospel centrality against postmodern pluralism and its inroads in evangelical circles (e.g., open theism; inclusivism; conditional immortality; various concepts of socio-economic reform).
2. Frame, John M. *Apologetics to the Glory of God*. Phillipsburg, N.J.: P&R, 1994. Moderate presuppositional approach to apologetics. Biblical, practical, and readable. Includes Frame's response to the book, *Classical Apologetics*, authored by R. C. Sproul, John Gerstner, and Arthur Lindsley.
3. Geisler, Norman L. *Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics*. Grand Rapids: Baker, Well-organized and well-indexed articles on most areas concerning Christian apologetics. Also helpful for theological concepts.
4. Geisler, Norman L. *Christian Apologetics*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1976. Classical apologist defends his methodology against other methodologies and then applies it in proofs for theism and Christianity.

Well-organized, clear, with helpful apologetic argumentation.
Controversial summaries of fideism and evidentialism.

5. Van Til, Cornelius. *Christian Apologetics*. 2nd ed. Presbyterian & Reformed, 2003. Presuppositionalist apologist defends his approach based on the consistently Calvinistic concept (contra Roman Catholicism, Arminianism, and less consistent Calvinism) of total depravity of the human mind, unable to properly judge the truthfulness of God's revelation. Theologically argued in readable style, but with little apologetic material.

G. Bibliology

1. Geisler, Norman L. *Inerrancy*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1980. International Conference on Biblical Inerrancy papers along with the 1978 "Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy;" including biblical, hermeneutical, theological, philosophical, and historical defenses of the doctrine of biblical inerrancy.
2. Metzger, Bruce M. *The Canon of the New Testament: Its Origin, Development, and Significance*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1987. Helpful restatement of traditional conservative concept of the historical process of the recognition of the NT Canon; set against faulty views before and during the 20th century.
3. Packer, J. I. *Fundamentalism and the Word of God*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988. Distinguishes Fundamentalism's historic Evangelicalism from its eccentricities and then cogently defines and defends the divine authority of Scripture against religious Liberalism.
4. Warfield, Benjamin B. *The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible*. Phillipsburg, N.J.: P&R, 1948. Contains essays from the late 19th century and early 20th century by one of the last conservative Princetonians; exegetically and theologically defends the traditional Protestant doctrine of the inspiration and inerrancy of Scripture against specific arguments of specific Liberal writers.
5. Woodbridge, John. *Biblical Authority: A Critique of the Rogers/McKim Proposal*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1982. Historical polemic against the Rogers/McKim assertion that the traditional Christian concept held Scripture inerrant only in religious matters, not matters of history and science. One of the best works of historical theology in defense of orthodox Christian doctrine.

H. Christology

1. Harris, Murray. *Jesus as God*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1992. Exegetical examination showing that Jesus is explicitly identified as *theos* in NT passages; detailed documentation and grammatical-theological argumentation.
2. Reymond, Robert. *Jesus: Divine Messiah: The New and Old Testament Witness*. Ross-Shire, Scotland: Christian Focus Publications, 2003. Comprehensive biblical demonstration of Jesus as Deity.
3. Walvoord, John F. *Jesus Christ Our Lord*. Chicago: Moody, 1974. Traditional Dispensational biblical treatment of the persona and work of Christ; set against a brief summary of 19th and 20th century Liberal and Neoorthodox views on Christ.
4. Warfield, Benjamin B. *The Person and Work of Christ*. Phillipsburg, N.J.: P&R, 1950. Contains essays from the late 19th century and early 20th century by one of the last conservative Princetonians; exegetically and theologically defends the traditional Protestant doctrine of the Divine-human Christ and His atonement and resurrection against specific arguments of specific Liberal writers.

I. Ecclesiology

1. Brand, Chad Owen and R. Stanton Norman, eds. *Perspectives on Church Government: Five Views of Church Polity*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2004. Point-counterpoint format, including Congregational/Single-Elder, Presbyterian, Congregational, Anglican, and Plurality of Elders views.
2. Clowney, Edmund P. *The Church*. Downers Grove, Ill.: IVP, 1995. Traditional Reformed, Covenantal presentation of the Church as the Israel of God.
3. Kuiper, R. B. *The Glorious Body of Christ*. Carlisle, Pa.: Banner of Truth, 1983. Another traditional Reformed, Covenantal ecclesiology.
4. Saucy, Robert L. *The Church in God's Program*. Chicago: Moody, 1972. Dispensational, biblical ecclesiology; well-documented in interaction with other conservative and non-conservative viewpoints.

J. Eschatology/Dispensationalism

1. Benware, Paul N. *Understanding End Times Prophecy: A Comprehensive Approach*. Chicago: Moody, 2006. Traditional,

Dispensational, premillennial, pretribulational eschatology; well-organized, readable, current with major competing eschatologies.

2. Reiter, Richard R., Paul D. Feinberg, Gleason L. Archer, Jr., and Douglas J. Moo. *Three Views on the Rapture*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996. Point-counterpoint format, including pretribulational, midtribulational, and posttribulational views.
3. Ryrie, Charles. *Dispensationalism*. Chicago: Moody, 1995. Updating of *Dispensationalism Today*; readable explanation and defense of Traditional Dispensationalism; includes response against competing eschatologies (Progressive Dispensationalism; Covenant Theology; Ultradispensationalism).
4. Walvoord, John. *The Millennial Kingdom*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1959. Dated but still helpful biblical exposition and defense of Dispensational premillennialism; includes summary of history of amillennialism, postmillennialism, and premillennialism.

K. Ethics

1. Davis, John Jefferson. *Evangelical Ethics: Issues Facing the Church Today*. 3rd ed. Phillipsburg, N.J.: P&R, 2004. Current, readable, well-documented Conservative evangelical application of biblical themes and statements as parameters for contemporary ethical issues. Third edition adds chapters on environmental and genetic issues. Reformed in general theological orientation.
2. Feinberg, John and Paul Feinberg. *Ethics for a Brave New World*. Wheaton: Crossway, Evangelical, more expansive treatment of issues; more extensive documentation. Much more exegetical in application of Scripture. Less synthetic. Nothing on environmental issues.
3. Geisler, Norman L. *Christian Ethics: Options and Issues*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1989. Now somewhat dated, but contains helpful interaction with varying general ethical approaches. Covers all the major issues; well-outlined, well-documented, accessible style, biblical.
4. Murray, John. *Principles of Conduct: Aspects of Biblical Ethics*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1957. Reformed, decidedly anti-Dispensational in its concept of law and grace. Also controversial view of slavery. But very helpful on biblical bases of ethics in creation for marriage, labor, and the sanctity of life. Reformed approach to law and grace in progressive sanctification.

L. Hamartiology

1. Kapic, Kelly M. and Justin Taylor, eds. *Overcoming Sin and Temptation: Three Classic Works by John Owen*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2006. Three works on sanctification by Puritan John Owen (1616-1683) are edited for presentation to present-day readers; focuses especially on mortification of sin in light of the power of indwelling sin in the life of the Christian.
2. Murray, John. *The Imputation of Adam's Sin*. Phillipsburg, N.J.: P&R, 1992. Brief, but densely packed exegetical and theological statement of the federal imputation of Adam's sin theory.
3. Venning, Ralph. *The Sinfulness of Sin*. Carlisle, Pa.: Banner of Truth, 1993. Originally published in 1669 under the title *The Plague of Plagues*, Puritan Ralph Venning (1621–1674) gives an intense and thorough indictment of sin as contrary to God and man, and appeal for repentance, faith, and guarding oneself against all sin.

M. Pneumatology

1. Brand, Chad Owen and R. Stanton Norman, eds. *Perspectives on Spirit Baptism: Five Views*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2004. Point-counterpoint format, including Reformed, Pentecostal, Charismatic, Wesleyan, and Roman Catholic views.
2. Edgar, Thomas R. *Satisfied by the Promise of the Holy Spirit*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1993. Cogent exegetical refutation of the Vineyard concept of continuing fallible spiritual gifts (e.g., fallible prophecy; fallible healing).
3. Ferguson, Sinclair B. *The Holy Spirit*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1997. Reformed presentation of the Person of the Holy Spirit and His works.
4. Packer, J. I. *Keep in Step with the Spirit: Finding Fulness in Our Walk with God*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2005. Devotional, Christ-centered, exhortation to holy living in the Spirit; assessment of the Charismatic movement.
5. Ryrie, Charles. *The Holy Spirit: Revised and Expanded*. Chicago: Moody, 1997. Traditional Dispensational biblical treatment of the doctrine of the person and work of the Holy Spirit; succinctly stated; includes overview charts.

6. Warfield, Benjamin B. *Counterfeit Miracles*. Reprint ed. Carlisle, Pa: Banner of Truth, Cogent historical argumentation for the cessation of the miraculous spiritual gifts at the end of the Apostolic age.
7. Walvoord, John F. *The Holy Spirit*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1958. Traditional Dispensational, 4-point Calvinistic biblical and theological assertion of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit; includes appendices on the history of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit and the views of the Holy Spirit in Liberal and Neoorthodox theologies.

N. Soteriology

1. Brand, Chad Owen, ed. *Perspectives on Election: Five Views*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2006. Point-counterpoint format, including Reformed, Classic Arminian, Supralapsarian, Universalistic, and Corporate Open views.
2. Lightner, Robert. *Sin, the Savior, and Salvation: The Theology of Everlasting Life*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1996. Clear, succinct, polemical presentation of anti-“Lordship Salvation” soteriology.
3. Lightner, Robert. *The Death Christ Died: A Case for Unlimited Atonement*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1998. Clear, succinct, biblical argumentation for 4-point Calvinist view of the Atonement.
4. Morris, Leon. *The Apostolic Preaching of the Cross*. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1965. Helpful exegetical study of key NT soteriological terms set against the backdrop of OT, rabbinic, and contemporary usage.
5. Morris, Leon. *The Atonement: Its Meaning and Significance*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1984, Helpful exegetical study of key NT terms and concepts relating to Christ’s Atonement.
6. Murray, John. *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1955. Clear, biblical argumentation for 5-point Calvinist view of the Atonement.
7. Packer, J. I. *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1991. Concise, Calvinistic argumentation that the responsibility of evangelism is not only not hindered by faith in the absolute sovereignty of God, but also that only this faith can strengthen the Christian to fulfill evangelistic responsibility.
8. Ryrie, Charles. *So Great Salvation*. Chicago: Moody, 1997. Irenic, biblical argumentation for a mediating position in the “Lordship Salvation” controversy.

9. Venema, Cornelis P. *The Gospel of Free Acceptance in Christ*. Carlisle, Pa.: Banner of Truth, 2006. Well-documented biblical Reformed defense of the Reformation doctrine of justification against the “New Perspectives” on Paul.

O. Theism

1. Erickson, Millard J. *God the Father Almighty: A Contemporary Exploration of the Divine Attributes*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998. Well-documented biblical and theological study of God’s attributes; set in opposition to pluralism, process thought, and free-will (open) theism.
2. Erickson, Millard J. *God in Three Persons: A Contemporary Interpretation of the Trinity*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1995. Historical, biblical, and theological exposition of the traditional Christian doctrine of the Trinity; set against the backdrop of competing views, such as feminist theology and process theism.
3. Letham, Robert. *The Holy Trinity: In Scripture, History, Theology, and Worship*. Phillipsburg, N.J.: P&R, 2004. Historical development dominates this text for advanced students of Trinitarianism; also includes the seminal biblical data and the relevance of Trinitarianism for worship, mission, and personal relationship between God and people. Glossary of historic Trinitarian terms is a special feature.
4. Packer, J. I. *Knowing God: 20th Anniversary Edition*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1993. Classic work of theological evangelism, conservative Reformed exposition of the attributes of God in the context of a journey to know God personally through the Gospel and obediently following Him in the trials of life. Readable and devotional.

V. Church History

- A. Cairns, Earle E. *Christianity Through the Centuries*. 3rd edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan (Academie Books), 1981. Well-organized, accessible one-volume treatment, giving a good overall survey of mainly (but not exclusively) western Church History.
- B. González, Justo L. *A History of Christian Thought*. Revised ed. 3 vols. Nashville: Abingdon, 1970. Perceptive and clear treatment of the historical development of Christian doctrine and dogmas. Author occasionally manifests neo-orthodox and liberation theology bias.
- C. Hannah, John D. *Our Legacy: The History of Christian Doctrine*. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 2001. Synthetic, helpful survey of the history of Christian theology. Consistently evangelical by an author who has taught the subject for more than 30 years.. Each chapter focuses on the history of a specific doctrinal topic. Good glossary of important theological terms included.
- D. Schaff, Philip *History of the Christian Church*. 8 vols. Reprint ed. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson, 1985. Dated, but still a standard in the field due to the author's exhaustive and multilingual research. Ends its coverage with the Reformation.
- E. Shelley, Bruce. *Church History in Plain Language*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1996. Accessible, engaging, sometimes too brief, one-volume introduction to Church History from evangelical viewpoint.

VI. Practical Theology

A. Baptism

Beasley-Murray, George. *Baptism in the New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1973. The best and most comprehensive biblical study of the subject.

B. Church Administration

Berkley, James. D (ed.). *Leadership Handbook of Management and Administration*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1997. All the issues, covered generally, in one volume. Lots of help. (One will even find Dr. Ken Quick's article on Church Secretaries in here).

C. Church Conflict

Sande, Ken. *The Peacemaker*. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004. A must-read for anyone in ministry, written by a lawyer, but absolutely biblical.

D. Church Finances

Berkley, James D. *The Dynamics of Church Finance (Ministry Dynamics for a New Century)*, Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2000. Another comprehensive coverage of the subject for those seeking to get a grasp on it.

E. Church Leadership

1. Clinton, J. Robert. *The Making of a Leader*. Colorado Springs: Navpress, 1988. Older but still exceedingly relevant.
2. Strauch, Alexander. *Biblical Eldership: An Urgent Call to Restore Biblical Church Leadership*. Colorado Springs: Lewis & Roth Publishers; Rev Expand edition (June 1995). A classic, even if one believes in congregational form of church government.

F. Counseling

1. Biblical Counseling Theory

Kellemen, Robert. *Soul Physicians: A Theology of Soul Care and Spiritual Direction*. Winona Lake, Indiana: BMH Books, 2007. Soul Physicians equips readers to understand people, diagnose problems, and prescribe solutions—biblically. It is a twenty-first-century theology manual for Christian counseling where you learn the Great Physician's authoritative truth about: Nourishing the Hunger of the Soul: Preventative Medicine—God's Word; Knowing the Creator of the Soul: The Great Physician—The

Trinity Examining the Spiritual Anatomy of the Soul: People—Creation; Diagnosing the Fallen Condition of the Soul: Problems—Fall; Prescribing God’s Cure for the Soul: Solutions—Redemption; Envisioning the Final Healing of the Soul: Home—Glorification; Dispensing God’s Care for the Soul: Spiritual Friends—Sanctification.

2. Biblical Counseling Methods

Kellemen, Robert. *Spiritual Friends: A Methodology of Soul Care and Spiritual Direction*. Winona Lake, Indiana: BMH Books, 2007. *Spiritual Friends* provides a biblically relevant training manual and a relationally practical workbook for relating God’s truth to human relationships. Whether you are a loving lay person, a caring pastor, a competent Christian counselor, or a student-in-training, *Spiritual Friends* will equip you to master the personal ministry of the Word. Enrich your spiritual friendships with thousands of illustrative interactions and hundreds of skill-building exercises that teach you how to implement twenty-two core biblical counseling skills.

3. Biblical Counseling and Multi-Cultural Ministry

Kellemen, Robert. *Beyond the Suffering: Embracing the Legacy of African American Soul Care and Spiritual Direction*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2007. Hear the amazing and previously untold stories of how African American Christians ministered healing hope to one another and to a nation as they moved beyond their suffering. Learn how to counsel cross-culturally and how to improve your biblical counseling relational skillfulness while also learning the history of African American believers.

4. Grief Counseling

a. Taylor, Rick. *When Life is Changed Forever: By the Death of Someone Near*. Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House Publishers, 1992. Taylor is a pastor whose oldest son (age five) died in a tragic accident. He goes where many dare not for fear that their God cannot handle the questions. Bereaved parents will find great comfort in reading this book and professional counselors, pastors, and friends will gain a better understanding of the issues facing bereaved parents.

b. Westberg, Granger E. *Good Grief*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1962. This book is an excellent resource for those experiencing grief and for those helping the grieving. *Good Grief* is easy to read and packed full of good information that normalizes the grief process and provides practical application for helping the bereaved move through the process. Caution: the author uses little Scripture and is not overtly Christian; however, he espouses godly principles.

5. Forgiveness

Stoop, Dr. David. *Forgiving the Unforgivable*. Ventura, Calif.: Regal Books, 2005. This is a fine book for those struggling with the area of forgiveness in the present or in the past. There are 150 pages of biblical insight and sage wisdom from a man who has been there.

G. Preaching

Decker, Bert and York, Herschel. *Preaching With Bold Assurance: A Solid and Enduring Approach to Engaging Exposition*. Nashville: B&H Publishing Group, 2003. This is the best and most comprehensive single volume out there.

H. The Lord's Supper

Vander Zee, Leonard J. *Christ, Baptism and the Lord's Supper: Recovering the Sacraments for Evangelical Worship*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 2005. Winner of many awards, probably the best book on all the ordinances out there.

I. Sermon Illustrations

What is recommended here is to use various sermon illustration websites.

J. Small Groups

Beckham, William. *The Second Reformation*. Houston: Touch Publications, 1997. This book (and hearing its author) changed Dr. Ken Quick's philosophy of ministry. One of the founders of the "cell church" movement. Excellent!

K. Women in Ministry

1. Brestin, Dee. *The Friendships of Women*. Text and workbook. Colorado Springs: Chariot Victor Publishing, 1997. This is a good book for women for personal devotion and small group study.
2. Clouse, Bonnidell and Clouse, Robert G. (eds.). Women in Ministry: Four Views. Nashville: InterVarsity Press, 1989. Older book but covers all the views fairly well.
3. Evans, Debra. *Women of Character*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing Company, 1996. With a refreshing depth of thought, the author shares what she calls "six qualities of women of character" and the life changing examples of women in the Bible. The six qualities are: brokenness, belief, surrender, obedience, devotion, and service.

4. Kraft, Vickie. *Women Mentoring Women: Ways to Start, Maintain, and Expand a Biblical Women's Ministry*. Chicago: Moody Press, 2003. As the subtitle suggests, this is a handbook on how to start, maintain, and expand a biblical women's ministry.
5. Harrison, Pat. *Women, Wife, Mother*. Tulsa, Oklahoma: Harrison House, 1991. This book contains biblical support and commentary for the role of woman as a Christian wife, mother, and woman.
6. Saucy, Robert and TenElshof, Judith (eds). *Women and Men in Ministry: A Complementary Perspective*. Chicago: Moody Press, 2001. Tough subject and a lot of views with a fair amount of posturing in the books written.

VII. Computer Resources

A. Accordance Bible Software by Oaktree. Probably the best software as far as ease of use with the biblical languages. Runs on a Mac Platform but with a Mac Emulator and can run on any computer. Can buy the scholars' bundle as a starter for core original language texts then purchase add-ons such as BDAG or KB as desired. Has a lot of texts relating to the study of early Judaism such as Mishnah in Hebrew and English, Targums and Dead Sea Scrolls. Easy to run grammatical searches. Has a map atlas that is nice and easy to use. Great for research and Bible study. You have to purchase each Bible translation separately which drives the cost way up if you want a lot of Bible translations. My main criticism of Accordance is that it is difficult to install due to numerous product codes and platform options. It also is difficult to transfer text over to a PC-based word processor. It is however, my choice for teaching classes due to speed, projection options, and ease of use. For MAC users it is by far the best choice.

B. BibleWorks. Also good with original languages. Recent versions have gotten easier to use but it is still (for me at least) not that intuitive on how to use it proficiently. Numerous icons are difficult to remember and search displays are somewhat cumbersome. One standard price gives you all their Bible translations of which there are many in numerous languages. BDAG and KB can and should be purchased as add-ons. Bibleworks is very easy to install and some of the basic functions make it easy to use. It is somewhat more difficult in my opinion (Dr. Davis) to run grammatical searches. It transfers text easily to word processing programs. The CBS computer lab has BibleWorks installed on all computers.

C. Logos Bible Software. This is basically a program to have books that relate to biblical studies available in searchable electronic form. Over 8000 books are said to be available for it or in the works. The basic package options get you started with some good but other older (out of copyright) works but then you purchase each book as you want. Nice for missionaries who do not want to take a lot of books overseas but want access to biblical resources. It claims also to do well with original language resources but in my view (Dr. Davis) it still is not on the same level as Accordance and BibleWorks.

D. Theological Journal CD by Galaxie Software. This gives electronic copies of most conservative journals in searchable electronic form at a fraction of the cost of having the hard copies of the Journals. Can run on Logos Bible Software well and that is how I access it. Journals include, Bibliotheca Sacra, Grace Theological Journal, Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society, Westminster Theological Journal and others. It also had a Mac Edition for Accordance. This can also be accessed on the CBS computers.